

Last Time: Span + Lin. indep.

Claim: Given (Finite) $S \subseteq V$, there is a lin. indep subset $I \subseteq S$ w/ $\text{span}(I) = \text{span}(S)$.

Ex: Compute a subset I of $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = S$ w/ I indep and $\text{span}(I) = \text{span}(S)$.

Sol: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$
$$\rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_3 + \frac{1}{2}c_5 = 0 \\ c_2 - c_3 + \frac{1}{2}c_5 = 0 \\ c_4 + \frac{1}{2}c_5 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

which is linearly independent because the corresponding columns of $\text{RREF}(M)$ all have leading 1's.



Bases and Dimension

Defn: Let V be a vector space. A basis of V is a linearly independent, spanning ordered subset of V .

Ex: In \mathbb{R}^2 , $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis.

$B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a different basis!

We'll solve the linear system $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & b \end{array} \right]$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & b \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b \\ 3 & -1 & a \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & b \\ 0 & -4 & a - 3b \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & +\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{4}b \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4}(a - 3b) \end{array} \right] \leftarrow$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{4}b \right) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{1}{4}a - \frac{3}{4}b \right) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, we obtain unique solution $0 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, recipe to construct

So B is lin. indep.

On the other hand, given $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ there are coefficients (namely $c_1 = \frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{4}b$ and $c_2 = -\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{3}{4}b$)

for which $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

so $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$. Hence B is a basis □

Non-Ex: $D = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is Not a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{green} \\ R_1 - R_2}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -a+b \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -a+b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-b+c \end{array} \right]$$

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So $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in \text{span}(D)$ implies $a - b + c = 0$

Thus $\text{span}(D) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ (right away: Not a basis).

Alternatively, $a=b=c=0$, then we have $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} c_1 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\quad} \underline{c_3 = -c_1 = c_2}$$

\therefore we have a nontrivial ^{linear} combination resulting in $\vec{0}$:

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}, \text{ so } D \text{ is lin. dep. } \square$$

Ex: ① Let $A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$.

$\text{span}(A) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$, but A is lin indep.

② Let $A' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ has

$\text{span}(A') = \mathbb{R}^3$, but A is lin. dep.

Defⁿ: In \mathbb{R}^n , the standard basis is

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$

where $e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i\text{th position.}$

Ex: In \mathbb{R}^2 , $\mathcal{E}_2 = \left\{ \overset{e_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \overset{e_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}$.

In \mathbb{R}^3 , $\mathcal{E}_3 = \left\{ \underset{e_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{e_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{e_3}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}$ etc.

Q: $\{0_V\} \subseteq V$ is the trivial subspace.
What is a basis for $\{0_V\}$?

A: $0_V \in \text{span}(S)$ for all $S \subseteq V$.

$\therefore 0_V \in \text{span}(\emptyset)$. So \emptyset spans $\{0_V\}$
and (from last time) \emptyset is lin. indep.,
so \emptyset is a basis of $\{0_V\}$. □

Ex: $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \text{polys of degree at most 3} \}$.

$B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ is a basis.

$$a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 = c_0 1 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_0 = a \\ c_1 = b \\ c_2 = c \\ c_3 = d \end{cases}$ uniquely solvable for all $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.
Hence B is a basis of $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$.

$B' = \{1+x, x+x^2, x^2+x^3, 1+x^3\}$ is a basis.

$$b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 = c_0(1+x) + c_1(x+x^2) + c_2(x^2+x^3) + c_3(1+x^3) \\ = (c_0 + c_3)1 + (c_0 + c_1)x + (c_1 + c_2)x^2 + (c_2 + c_3)x^3$$

implies
$$\begin{cases} c_0 + c_3 = b_0 \\ c_0 + c_1 = b_1 \\ c_1 + c_2 = b_2 \\ c_2 + c_3 = b_3 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & b_0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex: $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{R}) = \{\text{polynomials w/ real coeffs}\}$

has basis $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\}$ which is infinite!

NB: "Nice" parameterizations of spaces yield/use bases...

Ex: Find basis of the vs. of solutions to $\begin{cases} x+y+z=0 \\ y-2z=0 \\ x+3z=0 \end{cases}$

Sol: We parameterize the solution space:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x+3z=0 \\ y-2z=0 \end{cases}$$

\therefore we have parameterized solutions $\begin{cases} x = -3t \\ y = 2t \\ z = t \end{cases}$

So the solution space is $\left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

So we have basis of solutions $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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Ex: Compute a basis of $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} : \underline{a+b-c=0} \right\} = V.$

Sol: $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad a = c-b$

So $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+b & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

So $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis.

$$\begin{bmatrix} c-b & b \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is also a basis... \square

Prop: Let V be a vector space and $B \subseteq V$.

The following are equivalent.

① B is a basis

② B is both linearly independent and spanning

* ③ Every vector in V has a unique expression as a linear combination of vectors from B .

④ B is a maximal linearly independent set.

⑤ B is a minimal spanning set.